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In Re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR INSPECTION, PROCESS FOR MAKING ANALYTIC PIECE,
METHOD FOR ANALYSIS, ANALYZER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SOI WATER,
AND SOI WAFER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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An English-language Abstract and translation are attached for the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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